



# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## Kindergarten

### REMINDERS

- 1/4: Back to School
- 1/18: No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### MATH

This month in Math, we will be starting our unit on Addition. You can support this at home by giving your child simple addition problems to solve, along with manipulatives to assist them. For example, Legos, coins, or counters.

### READING WORKSHOP

This month in Reading Workshop we will continue Unit 3: Bigger Books, Bigger Reading Muscles. Students will continue to tackle more challenging books and use all their Super Powers to read pattern breaks in books. Readers will learn to use their letter-sound knowledge to help them read the words on a page and learn to lean on their snap words more. They will begin to check their own reading by asking questions like "Does this make sense?" and "Does this sound right?" It is very important that you help support this at home by practicing their snap words with them. Also, working with them to sound out new words.

### WRITING WORKSHOP

In Writing Workshop, the students will continue their unit on true stories. They will write across more pages and understand that their stories need a beginning, middle, and end. They will also write stories knowing that they need answer "who, what, where, and what?" Students will begin to use the word wall more when trying to spell words and will also be expected to follow certain basic conventions of writing. You can support this at home, by asking them to write about their day. Encourage them to make sure that they stay on topic throughout the beginning, middle, and end. Having these parts of the story written on three separate papers helps them to visualize better. Encourage them to sound out the words in their sentences and remember to begin with an uppercase, and end with a period.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

In Passports to Social Studies, the students will be beginning Unit 3. They will explore what a community is and what is its importance. They will also explore what landmarks are and also how to use a map. Finally, students will learn about the 5 boroughs. You can support this at home by going on a community walk with your child and discussing what buildings, and people you see. Also, talk about what places you have visited in the 5 boroughs.

### SCIENCE

In science, Kindergarten will begin their new unit on Pushes and Pulls. Students will learn how and why objects are able to move. You can support your child at home by exploring with them at home with hands on experiments using the ideas of pushes and pulls.